

# ARB INFORMATIONAL UPDATE: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS' DRAFT 2012-2035 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

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California Environmental Protection Agency



### STATUS OF SB 375 IMPLEMENTATION

- ARB set regional greenhouse gas emission reduction targets in September 2010 – per capita metric
- ARB published its technical methodology explaining our approach to SCS review
- ARB staff reviewed one SCS in 2011, and two draft SCSs in 2012
- SCAG and SACOG Boards will consider SCS adoption in April 2012

#### THE SCAG REGION



- Largest of the regional planning areas
- About half of the state's population and GHG emissions
- A significant portion of the state's economy

# SUSTAINABILITY IN THE REGION

Regional dialogue about sustainability has been ongoing.

Many examples of local commitment to sustainable planning through the Compass Blueprint Program.



#### LONG BEACH: TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT



#### FULLERTON: MIXED USE REDEVELOPMENT



#### SAN BERNARDINO: SBX BUS RAPID TRANSIT



#### EL CENTRO: DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN



TEMECULA: OLD TOWN REVITALIZATION

#### SCAG'S DRAFT SCS

An overview of the Sustainable Communities Strategy

### DEVELOPMENT OF THE DRAFT PLAN

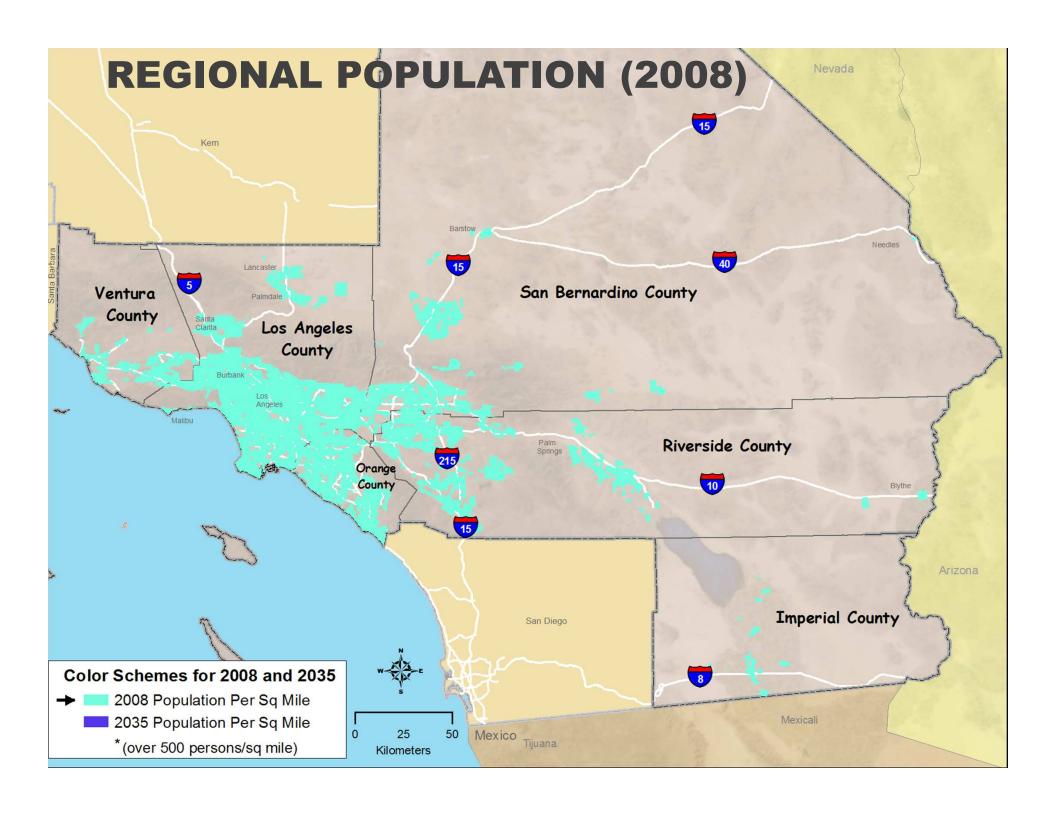
- A 2-year public process with dozens of workshops
- Collaboration with local governments, transportation agencies and other stakeholders
- Development of scenarios and RTP alternatives
- Examples of supplemental analyses: transportation finance, goods movement, active transportation, environmental justice

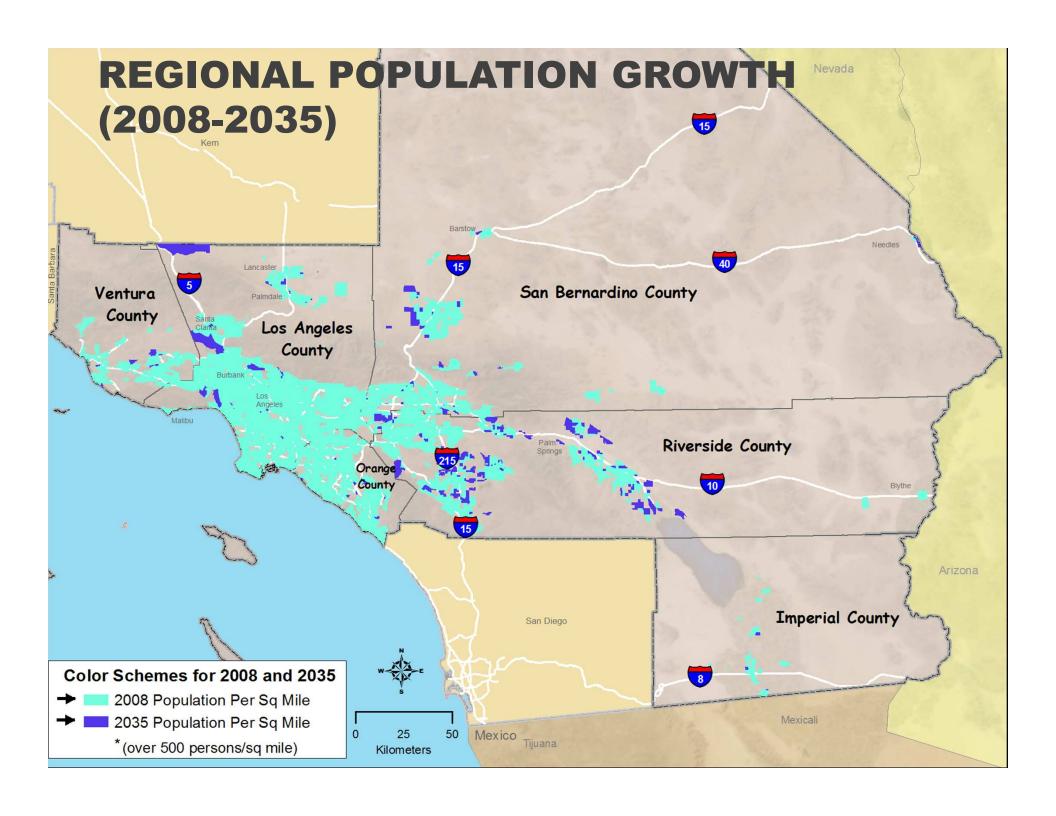
#### SCAG'S EJ ANALYSIS

- Uses social equity performance measures
- Provides a tool box of potential mitigation measures for project sponsors and local agencies
- Recognize gentrification as an issue
- Research is needed to develop new indicators at a very refined geographic level

#### **POPULATION GROWTH**

The region's population will grow by 4 million by 2035





#### **KEY FEATURES OF THE SCS**

Integrates land use and transportation strategies



#### LAND USE OUTCOMES



- More multifamily development
- Jobs and housing closer to transit

#### TRANSPORTATION OUTCOMES



- Better biking and walking opportunities
- Better transit accessibility
- Shorter travel distances

#### **MORE MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING**

By 2035, two-thirds of all new housing units will be multi-family (townhomes, condos and apartments)



#### **BETTER TRANSIT ACCESSIBILITY**

- Expanded high quality transit areas through infrastructure and service improvements
- Over half of new homes and jobs within walking distance of transit

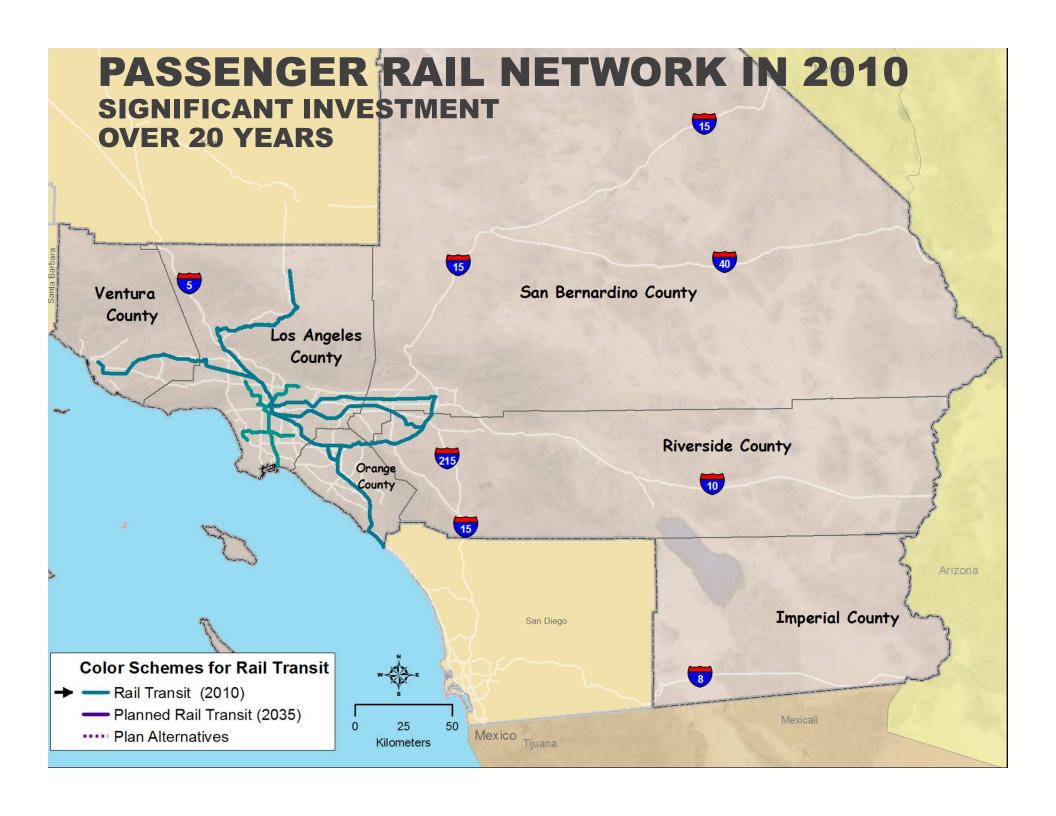


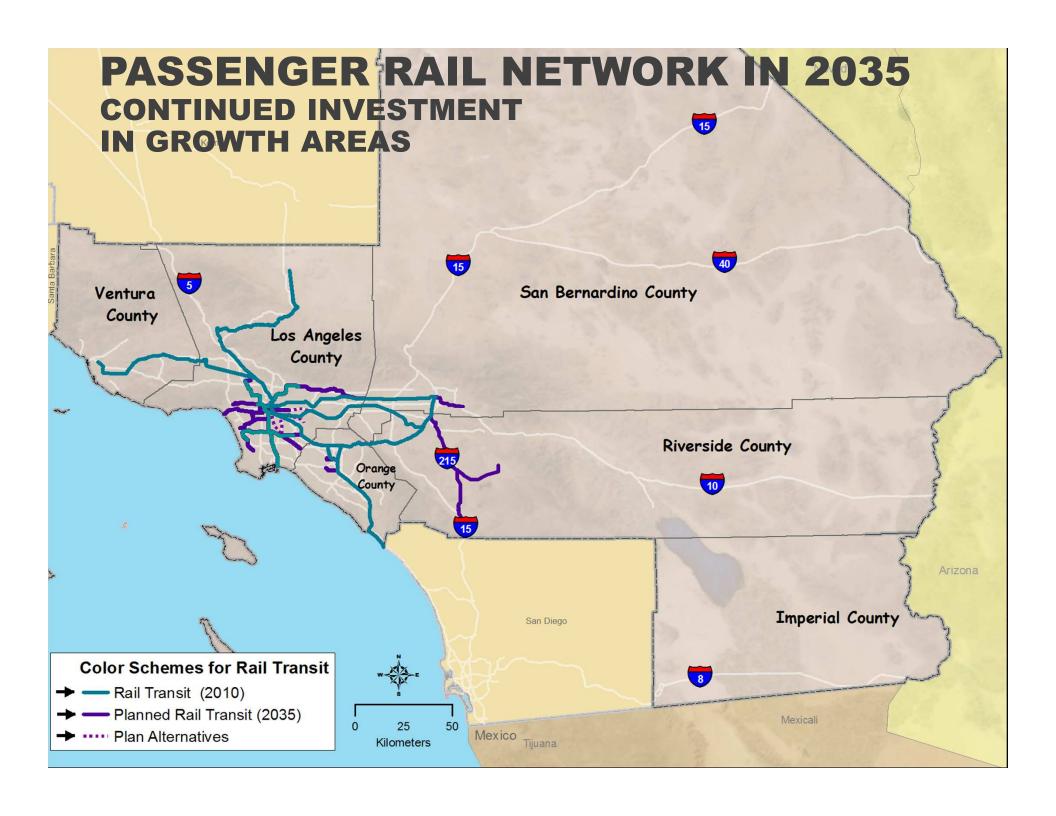


#### RAIL AND BIKE/WALK

- Investments in rail and active transportation complement the transit strategy
- Passenger rail network would grow
- Bike and walk infrastructure would improve access to transit







# STAFF'S TECHNICAL EVALUATION

ARB's evaluation methodology and results of SCAG's SCS review

# ARB TECHNICAL REVIEW METHODOLOGY

- Designed to evaluate the accounting of greenhouse gas reductions from an SCS
- Key components of review
  - Modeling tools
  - Data inputs and assumptions
  - Modeling sensitivity tests
  - Performance Indicators
- Review tailored to regions

Description of Methodology for ARB Staff Review of Greenhouse Gas Reductions from Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) Pursuant to SB 375

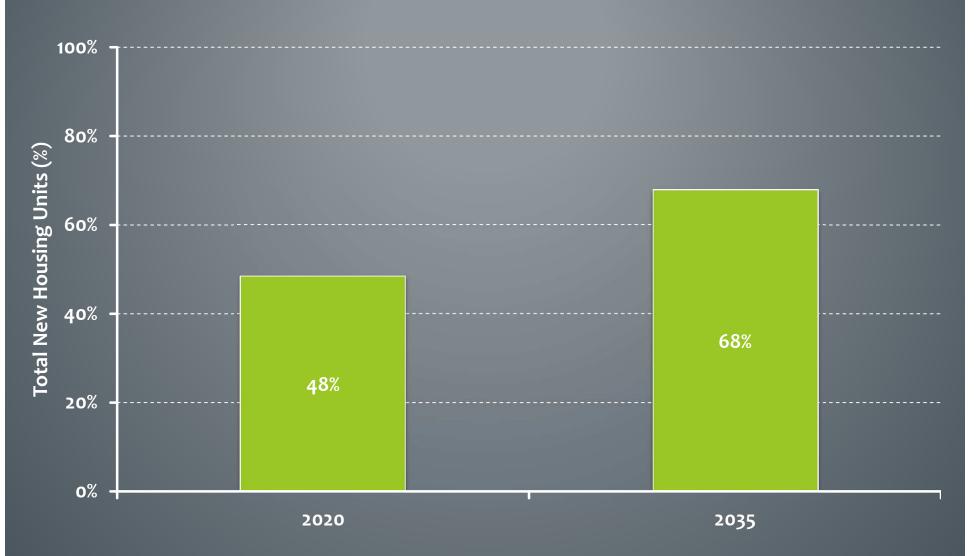
July 2011

# SCAG MODELING TOOLS AND ASSUMPTIONS

- Staff reviewed SCAG's model documentation and technical analyses
- Staff evaluated regional performance indicators to confirm they are changing over time as expected
- The documentation supports SCAG's determination that the draft SCS meets the targets

#### **MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING**

Two thirds of new housing will be multi-family.



#### **HOUSING IN TRANSIT AREAS**

Increasing share of housing will be within high quality transit areas.



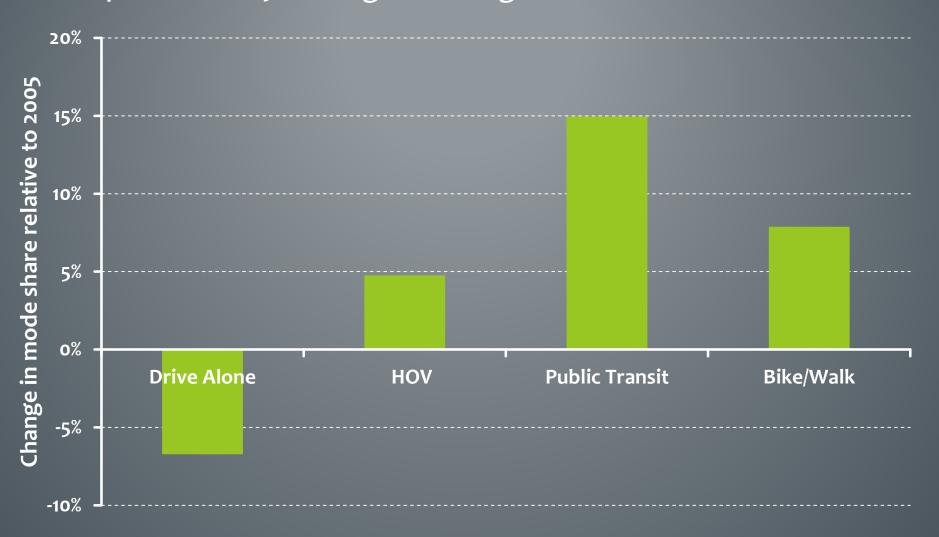
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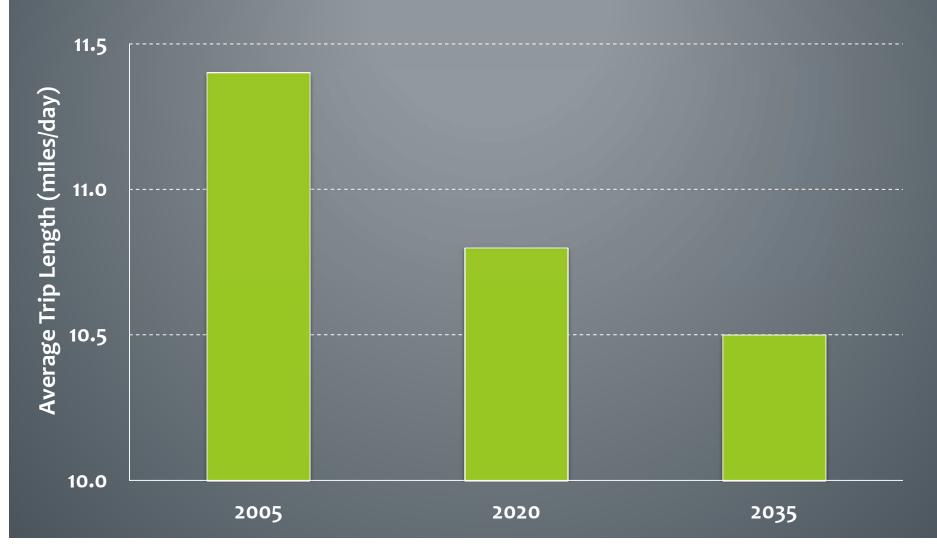
#### PERCENT CHANGE IN MODE SHARE

By 2035, there are fewer drive-alone trips and more trips taken by biking, walking, transit and HOV.



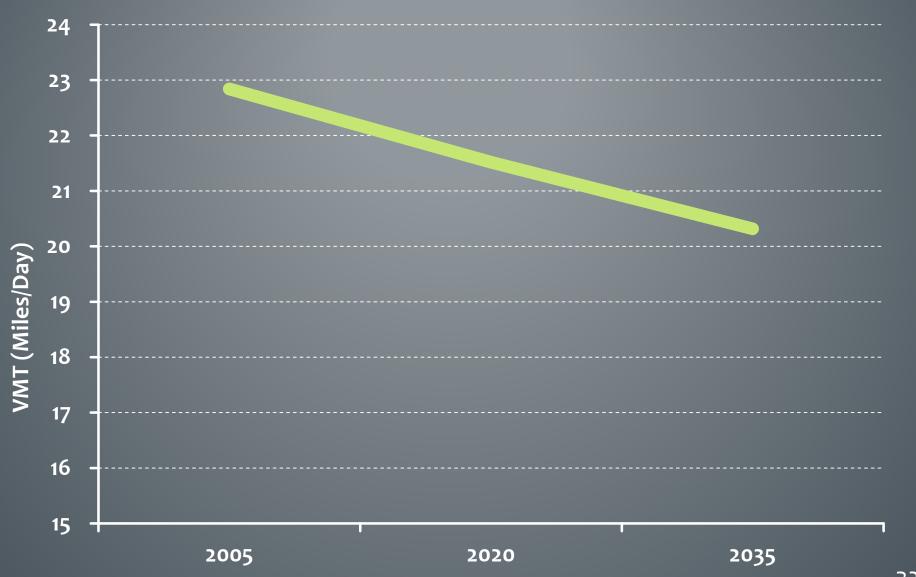
#### **AVERAGE AUTO TRIP LENGTH**

Average auto trip length decreases over time.
Small change can result in large regional change.



#### PER CAPITA VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED

Per capita VMT decreases.



# SCAG'S RTP/SCS GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTIONS (PERCENT PER CAPITA FROM 2005)

	ARB Target	SCS Achieves
2020	8	8
2035	13	16

#### **NEXT STEPS**



- SCAG submits Final RTP/SCS to ARB
- If the Final differs from the Draft, ARB reviews Final SCS
- Executive Officer
   accepts or rejects
   MPO determination